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DCYF Public Disclosure

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (December 20, 2017) – A three-year-old male child from Westerly was admitted to Hasbro Children's Hospital's Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) on December 16, 2017. The family had previous involvement with the Department but was not open to DCYF at the time of the child's admission to the hospital.

The Department initiated an investigation, and through this investigation, DCYF has confirmed that the child's admission to the PICU was, in part, a result of neglect. Pursuant to state law, DCYF notified the Office of the Child Advocate of the report.

Due to confidentiality laws, we are prohibited from sharing additional information.

DCYF's highest priority is the safety and well-being of all children. Rhode Islanders are required by law to report known or suspected cases of child abuse or neglect to DCYF within 24 hours of becoming aware of such abuse/neglect. Please call 1-800-RI-CHILD to report known or suspected cases of child abuse.

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